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5 **RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

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EXAMINER: F. Oropeza

TITLE:

"PACEMAKER HOUSING WITH LEAD CONNECTION

ASSEMBLY"

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

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REMARKS:

In the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, Figures 3 and 4 were objected to because the Examiner stated in Figure 3, the reference numeral 33 requires a lead line, as does reference numeral 30 in Figure 4. In accordance with the new procedure for submitting revised drawings, copies of the two drawing sheets (Figs. 1-5) are attached hereto. The drawing sheet containing Figs. 1 and 2 has been revised only to remove the sheet numbering at the top, which is not permitted under United States patent practice. In Figure 3, a lead line has been added from reference numeral 33. Reference numeral 30 in Figure 4 already has a lead line, namely the horizontal line proceeding immediately from the right of reference numeral 30

in Figure 4, and therefore no revision in Figure 4 is seen to be necessary.

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